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Henrico Tests Chempack Forward Deployment

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VDH and the Henrico County public safety community successfully tested our ability to forward deploy a "Chempack" for a recent local large scale public event in Henrico. The Chempack is a federal asset that provides antidotes needed to respond to a nerve agent incident. This

test was not done out of concern for an actual emergency, but rather as a drill to assure that the plan to transport the Chempack prior to an event was sound. The test went well and no problems were encountered. Needless to say, there was no need for the use of its contents. "This was the

first special event forward deployment of a Chempack to date in Virginia and was a good example of the effective partnership among the Henrico Health District, Emergency Management, Public Safety and VDH" said Henrico Health director.

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Ms. Virginia Fleishman, Henrico MRC Volunteer of the Month, October 2008

I am pleased to announce that Ms. Virginia Fleishman is the Henrico MRC volunteer of the month for October 2008. Virginia is a native of the eastern part of Virginia, the peninsula, Hampton Roads to be precise. She was born in Newport News, Virginia and is a graduate of York High School in Yorktown, VA. She obtained her Associates in Nursing from the Thomas Nelson Community College in Hampton, Virginia and her Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia. She has currently taken a break from pursuing her masters and is working in pediatric home health. Virginia also does joint birth doula (women working with women) and childbirth educator training through a distance

program and is a certified postpartum doula. Ms. Fleishman is very much involved in local birth community issues and was one of 13 women who brought the Business of Being Born (BOBB) to Richmond, Virginia. She also started a local Chapter of Birthmatters (birth advocacy group) in Richmond, Virginia. Virginia is family oriented and is the mother of four adult children and one grandchild. Virginia recently became a member of the Henrico County Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) which she indicated was of special interest to her since she has two disabled children. She has been an active member of Virginia Nursing Association, (VNA) for years and has much experience in legislative concerns related to nursing. Virginia has also

been an active member of the Henrico County Medical Reserve Corps since its establishment in 2006. She has attended several trainings and participated in all of the MRC sponsored events/exercises. We would like to thank Virginia for her ongoing support for the MRC, and all volunteers who help in making our county better prepared for disasters.

Henrico MRC Volunteers Ready to Serve

The Henrico MRC Coordinator expresses his sincere gratitude to all MRC volunteers for their participation in the MRC program, most especially those who signed up to help in the event of Hurricane Hannah in early September 2008. Within a very short alert period, 33 volunteers signed up to assist.

Henrico Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Trainings

West Henrico MRC Upcoming Trainings

November 20—Nuclear Terrorism Awareness

East Henrico MRC Upcoming Trainings

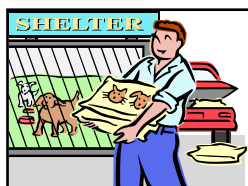
Nov. 18— MRC Physical Fitness & Readiness

Dec. 9, 2008— Nuclear Terrorism Awareness
Training

For more training info please refer to the link
<http://HenricoHealth/mrc.html>.

Highlights for the next edition

- Spotlight on the MRC Volunteer of the Month
- Avian Flu (H5N1) Updates
- MRC News
- And more



Henrico County MRC is a local chapter of the National Medical Reserve Corps. The MRC is a volunteer organization that is organized, trained and ready to respond to disasters and public health emergencies. MRC Volunteers may be called upon to dispense medications and vaccinations, treat evacuees living in emergency shelters, or assist in many other ways. MRC Volunteers may be healthcare professionals (such as physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, veterinarians, x-ray technicians, nurses aids, etc.), administrative professionals (such as medical office managers, clerical staff, etc.), or even lay persons who can help in many different ways.

To become an MRC volunteer, please call (804) 501-4643, (804)380-9321 or visit
<http://HenricoHealth/mrc.html>

We are on the Web @
<http://HenricoHealth.org/mrc.html>

Henrico MRC & County Library Partnership

As Henrico MRC widens its disaster preparedness efforts in both Eastern and Western Henrico County, some local libraries have embraced the initiative. Sandston Public Library, Tuckahoe Public Library, and Fairfield Public Library have all taken the lead. Currently, Tuckahoe Public Library is the site for holding Incident Command System (ICS) trainings. The volunteers use the library's computers in the lab to complete the ICS online test which the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

recommends for course completion. Fairfield Public Library like the other facilities, helps as an MRC information dissemination center. Training materials, handouts, tri-folders, and other documents are made available to local residents through the engaged cooperation of the library staff. The Sandston Public Library is also very active with the MRC program. The facility houses the Eastern Henrico MRC and also serves as the Eastern Henrico MRC training site. At this location all of our volunteers in eastern Henrico County, Charles City and surrounding cities congregate every third (3rd) Tuesday of each month to prepare for disasters. The staff of the Sandston Public Library like the other libraries have been very enthusiastic and engaged with the activities of the MRC. County agency leaders, businesses, churches and local organizations are encouraged to partner and/or

join the MRC emergency preparedness campaign demonstrated by Donna McDonald, Henrico Public Library, Sandston Branch Manager, and the other libraries.

Pandemic Influenza Update September 2008

Human Cases: In 1997, scientists started documenting H5N1 human infection worldwide. As of 10 Sept. this year there has been 387 total human cases with 245 deaths including two confirmed new human H5N1 infections in Indonesia. Currently, the case fatality rate stands at 63.1%.

Pandemic Vaccination Allocation: The U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Homeland Security (DHS) released guidance on allocating pandemic influenza vaccine. See: <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2008pres/07/20080723a.html>

